

TOWN COUNCIL WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

June 30, 2016

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Tuesday, July 5th, the Town Council Personnel and Appointments Committee meeting has been cancelled.
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- Thursday, July 7th, Economic Development Commission, 4:45 p.m., Town Hall Annex, CR1
- Thursday, July 7th, Permanent School Building Committee, 7:00 p.m., Town Hall Annex, CR2

TOWN OFFICES CLOSED

Please be advised that all Groton Town offices will be closed in observance of Independence Day on Monday, July 4th. Please enjoy the upcoming holiday with your family and friends.

FARMERS' MARKET COUPONS

Groton Human Services has recently received 450 Farmers' Market coupon books, valued at \$18.00 each, from the State of Connecticut Department of Agriculture. The coupon books, which are made available to eligible Groton residents, each contain six \$3.00 vouchers redeemable at over 100 participating Connecticut Farmers' Markets operating seasonally throughout the State. One coupon book, per person, is available per season to individuals meeting the Department of Agriculture's eligibility criteria.

Recipients of the coupon books must be at least 60 years old or permanently disabled and living in subsidized senior/disabled housing. Per the Department of Agriculture's regulations, maximum household income cannot exceed 185% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines: \$21,775 for single individuals and \$29,471 for married couples. Starting July 5th, the coupon books will be distributed by Human Services at 2 Fort Hill Road, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Proof of current income and photo identification will be required.

GROTON COMMUNITY MEALS HOSTING BARBECUE

Groton Community Meals (GCM) is celebrating its new meal site at the Groton Senior Center with a barbecue on Monday, July 11th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Attachment 1). Groton elected officials are invited to enjoy the barbecue and observe GCM in action. The barbecue will be offered during GCM's regular meal service time and will be open to the public, as are all GCM meal servings. The Senior Center location has provided GCM with a commercial kitchen and a serving and dining area large enough to easily accommodate over 120 people per meal serving. GCM has been in operation since September, 2014 and is very grateful to the Town for its generosity in offering the Senior Center as a GCM meal site.

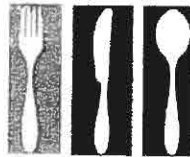
OTHER ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 2 is a press release from the Office of Planning and Development Services on the implementation of the electric vehicle charging stations and the new Town owned electric vehicle.
2. Attachment 3 is a copy of the Town Attorney invoice for the month of May.
3. Attachment 4 is notification from the Public Works Department to the residents of Clift Street of the upcoming road resurfacing project. The project will begin on July 18th and is expected to be completed within four weeks.

Attachments
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You're Invited!

GROTON COMMUNITY MEALS
is hosting a barbecue to
celebrate its new meal
site at the
Groton Senior Center!



DATE

Monday, July 11, 2016

TIME

6:00-7:00 PM

LOCATION

Groton Senior Center Dining Room

RSVP: 860-441-6760 or
admin@grotonmeals.org



TOWN OF GROTON

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PRESS RELEASE

Office of Planning and Development Services
Town of Groton
For immediate distribution
June 20, 2016

The Town of Groton is pleased to announce the implementation of Electric Vehicle charging stations and a new Electric Vehicle. DEEP through its program, EnergizeCT recently offered a grant opportunity, "EV Connecticut". This program invited municipalities to compete for grant funds for Public Fleet Electric Vehicles as well as Public Workplace Electric Vehicle Charging Station Projects.

In the first round of funding, the Town of Groton applied for an electric vehicle and two dual head charging stations. In the second round of funding, the Town of Groton applied for an additional dual head charging station. DEEP awarded the Town of Groton the funding for both proposals.

The vehicle purchased is a 2016 Nissan Leaf which boasts zero emissions. This car doesn't even have a tailpipe. It is a 100% electric vehicle which runs on a 24 kwh lithium ion battery with an eight year warranty. Its average range is 84 miles on a single charge. It also has a regenerative braking system that recaptures energy into the system while you brake.

The vehicle's retail cost was \$21,446.00 and the state funded \$12,997.50. The net cost of replacing this vehicle was \$8,448.50. The Town's fleet replacement program removed from service a 1997 Chevy Blazer which currently had gas mileage of 17 miles per gallon. The Nissan Leaf has a 114 mpg in electric equivalents. Both the capital expenditure savings and operating savings on this vehicle are significant.

The six installed available chargers are located at the Town Hall Annex, 134 Groton Long Point Road, the Groton Public Library, 52 Newtown Road, and the Town Hall, 45 Fort Hill Road. They are pedestal mounted with retractable cables. The stations are available to the public at no cost 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at all three locations.

The charging equipment cost \$15,129.00 to purchase and was reimbursed 100% by the grant. The costs for the electrician and designer needed for the project were 100% reimbursed by the grant. Some one-time costs were incurred by the Town involving staff for portions of the installation.

The Town of Groton is committed to improving its conservation of natural resources as well as being responsible to our taxpayers by reducing our energy costs. The increase in operational efficiency by replacing a gasoline fueled vehicle with pure electric vehicle technology will provide the Town and our citizens with a lasting reward of decreased operational expenses year over year. This project also helps illustrate a positive community image.

Please contact Susan Cullen at (860) 446-5990 or scullen@groton-ct.gov with any questions.



Susan Cullen stands in front of the Town of Groton's new 2016 Nissan Leaf Electric Vehicle

Suisman Shapiro

Attorneys-At-Law

Weekly Status Report

June 30, 2016

ATTACHMENT 3

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Eileen C. Duggan

Bryan P. Fiengo

Jeffrey W. Hill

Ryan W. Jaziri

Carolyn P. Kelly

Kristi D. Kelly

Robert B. Keville

Roger T. Scully

Matthew Shafner

Robert G. Tukey

In Memoriam

Andrew J. Brand

James F. Brennan

James J. Courtney

L. Patrick Gray, III

Michael V. Sage

Max M. Shapiro

Charles J. Suisman

Louis C. Wool

Of Counsel

Hinda K. Kimmel

Richard A. Schatz

Thomas B. Wilson

June 23, 2016

Via email clandry@groton-ct.gov

Ms. Cindy Landry, Finance Director

Town of Groton

45 Fort Hill Road

Groton, CT 06340

Re: Town of Groton
May 2016 Invoices
Invoice Date: June 23, 2016

Dear Cindy:

Enclosed please find the client summary sheets and invoices for services rendered and costs advanced during the May 2016 billing period.

Courtesy discounts in the amount of \$795.00 (File 28817) and \$695.00 (File 53401) have been applied to this month's billing.

I trust that you will find the invoices to be in order, but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have questions or concerns regarding the enclosed. Thank you for continuing to provide Suisman Shapiro the opportunity to be of service to the Town of Groton.

Very truly yours,



Eileen C. Duggan

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Enclosures

cc: Mark Oefinger, Town Manager (Enclosure: Client Summary only)

JUN 27 2016

A Tradition of Innovative Solutions

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 Suite 200, 2 Union Plaza
 P.O. BOX 1591
 New London, CT 06320

Town of Groton
 45 Fort Hill Road
 Groton, CT 06320

Invoice Date June 21, 2016
 Billing Period: May-16

Client Summary

Matter #	Fees	Costs	Credits	Sub-Total	Total
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Freedom of Information

Freedom of Information
 FOIC - Ramos v Chief, Groton PD and TOG

599	\$ 1,680.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,680.00	
53770	\$ 405.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 405.00	
Sub-total	\$ 2,085.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,085.00

Labor, Employment and Pension

Labor Miscellaneous
 GMEA General Labor File
 Police General Labor File
 2015 Steelworkers Negotiations
 2016 Police Negotiations
 2016 GMEA Negotiations

Matter #	Fees	Costs	Credits	Sub-Total
9	\$ 1,965.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,965.00
28817	\$ 2,295.00	\$ -	\$ (795.00)	\$ 1,500.00
30907	\$ 105.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 105.00
52187	\$ 2,310.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,310.00
53400	\$ 225.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 225.00
53401	\$ 2,895.00	\$ -	\$ (695.00)	\$ 2,200.00
Sub-total	\$ 9,795.00	\$ -	\$ (1,490.00)	\$ 8,305.00

Land Use/Zoning

Office of Planning & Development Services Misc.
 Cheshire, Dee (2222 Gold Star Hwy)
 Groton Zoning/Wetland Enforcement - Misc.
 Chipperini, Gretchen - 327 Route 12
 Community of Hope 120 Walker Hill Road
 Whittle, Robert F, William T, & Richard A - 2nd Appeal
 Mayer, Robert & Mary Pat - 2nd Appeal
 Wagner, Thomas & Jennifer

Matter #	Fees	Costs	Credits	Sub-Total
1309	\$ -	\$ 40.71	\$ -	\$ 40.71
43268	\$ 975.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 975.00
43340	\$ 105.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 105.00
48480	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00
48460	\$ 1,410.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,410.00
48788	\$ 930.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 930.00
49691	\$ 60.00	\$ 7.00	\$ -	\$ 67.00
49858	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30.00
Sub-total	\$ 3,660.00	\$ 47.71	\$ -	\$ 3,707.71

Miscellaneous

	Matter #	Fees	Costs	Credits	Sub-Total
Miscellaneous (General)					
Ethics Code 2009- 2010	1653	\$ 1,935.00	\$ 349.92	-	\$ 2,284.92
Interpretation of City/GLPA Charter Sec of Hwy. App.	45626	\$ 1,230.00	-	-	\$ 1,230.00
Branford Manor, Proposed Tax Incentive Agreement 2016	46330	\$ 30.00	-	-	\$ 30.00
	53837	\$ 900.00	-	-	\$ 900.00
Sub-total		\$ 4,095.00	\$ 349.92	-	\$ 4,444.92

Miscellaneous Litigation/Administrative Hearings

	Matter #	Fees	Costs	Credits	Sub-Total
Coughlin, Daniel & Linda d/b/a Married in Mystic	51341	\$ 1,215.00	-	-	\$ 1,215.00
OPDS - Pettini Contracting Corp. - Arbitration	51403	\$ 765.00	-	-	\$ 765.00
Sub-total		\$ 1,980.00	-	-	\$ 1,980.00

Assessment Appeals

	Matter #	Fees	Costs	Credits	Sub-Total
Miscellaneous Assessment Appeal Matters					
2011 Revaluation & Assessment Appeals	1782	\$ 165.00	\$ 32.76	-	\$ 197.76
Groton Long Point	48232	\$ 60.00	-	-	\$ 60.00
20 Academy Lane, LLC	49522	\$ 1,155.00	-	-	\$ 1,155.00
Archland Property I, LLC	52666	\$ 15.00	-	-	\$ 15.00
PPM Financial, LLC c/o R Patel	52818	\$ 1,020.00	-	-	\$ 1,020.00
	52819	\$ 15.00	-	-	\$ 15.00
Sub-total		\$ 2,430.00	\$ 32.76	-	\$ 2,462.76

Tax Issues/Foreclosures

Miscellaneous Tax Collection/Foreclosure Matters

Liberty Investors Inc.

Irvin, Jonathan

Dinoto, Anthony C & Susan S.P.

Syrakakis/213 Thames Inc. (213 Thames St.)

Beebe, Gary

Ilvento, Frederick (87 George Ave & Joe Ave)

Lowe, Kevin M (146 Allen Street)

Margulies, Arthur (90 Meryl Court)

Murphy, Glen Scot

Ortega, Pablo (108 North Street)

Ilvento, Frederick (Joe Avenue)

Irvin, Jonathan E. (8 Linda Court)

Capone, Estate of John J.

Sisisky, Alan (New London Road)

Henk, LLC / Armstrong, Kathy (84 Route 27)

Crystal Lakes, LLC

Sub-total

Matter #	Fees	Costs	Credits	Sub-Total
41088	\$ 2,880.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,880.00
44735	\$ 210.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 210.00
45330	\$ 60.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60.00
49049	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150.00
51327	\$ 1,350.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,350.00
51711	\$ 345.00	\$ 357.70	\$ -	\$ 702.70
52499	\$ 105.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 105.00
52500	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30.00
52501	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30.00
52503	\$ 375.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 375.00
52504	\$ 450.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 450.00
53262	\$ 105.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 105.00
53270	\$ 45.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45.00
53651	\$ 270.00	\$ 575.68	\$ -	\$ 845.68
53722	\$ 60.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60.00
53760	\$ 345.00	\$ 350.00	\$ -	\$ 695.00
53844	\$ 90.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 90.00
	\$ 6,900.00	\$ 1,283.38	\$ -	\$ 8,183.38

Parks & Recreation

Miscellaneous

Sub-total

Matter #	Fees	Costs	Credits	Sub-Total
27508	\$ 135.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 135.00
	\$ 135.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 135.00

Workers Compensation

Coreas, Norma A. (DOI 03-15-2011)
Coreas, Norma A. (DOI 02-03-2012)
Matzdorff, Stephen M.
Corso, Jennifer
Figueroa, Magdalena M
Bonanno, James (WCC)

Matter #	Fees	Costs	Credits	Sub-Total
49615	\$ 135.00	\$ -	-	\$ 135.00
49616	\$ 105.00	\$ -	-	\$ 105.00
51443	\$ 22.50	\$ -	-	\$ 22.50
52869	\$ 97.50	\$ -	-	\$ 97.50
53404	\$ 420.00	\$ -	-	\$ 420.00
53812	\$ 412.50	\$ -	-	\$ 412.50
Sub-total	\$ 1,192.50	\$ -	-	\$ 1,192.50
FINAL TOTAL				\$ 32,496.27

Summary	Fees	Costs	Credits	Total
Freedom of Information	\$ 2,085.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,085.00
Labor, Employment and Pension	\$ 9,795.00	\$ -	\$ (1,490.00)	\$ 8,305.00
Land Use/Zoning	\$ 3,660.00	\$ 47.71	\$ -	\$ 3,707.71
Miscellaneous	\$ 4,095.00	\$ 349.92	\$ -	\$ 4,444.92
Miscellaneous Litigation & Administrative Hearings	\$ 1,980.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,980.00
Assessment Appeals	\$ 2,430.00	\$ 32.76	\$ -	\$ 2,462.76
Tax Issues/Foreclosures	\$ 6,900.00	\$ 1,283.38	\$ -	\$ 8,183.38
Parks & Recreation Department	\$ 135.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 135.00
Workers Compensation	\$ 1,192.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,192.50
FINAL TOTAL	\$ 32,272.50	\$ 1,713.77	\$ (1,490.00)	\$ 32,496.27



TOWN OF GROTON

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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June 24, 2016

RE: Resurfacing of Clift Street (Starting from Clift Lane and heading west to Pequot Avenue)

Dear Resident:

The Department of Public Works will soon resurface Clift Street. I have scheduled the project to begin on **07/18/2016** and expect completion within 4 weeks. So that you will know what to expect, I would like to describe the work process.

PHASE 1: In order to provide a good paving surface, a contractor hired by the Town will reclaim (grind up) the existing asphalt into a gravel base and then grade the roadway. This first stage will leave any catch basins exposed, which we will paint orange for visibility. The road surface will be compacted dirt, rough but travelable. Prior to this phase, you may notice crews replacing structures and cutting driveway aprons (the area where your driveway meets the road).

PHASE 2: After the pavement "reclamation" is complete, Town crews will subsequently return to apply two layers of asphalt to the street surface.

PHASE 3: After completion of resurfacing, our crews will return to install curbing, where needed and to resurface driveway aprons.

PHASE 4: Crews will backfill the area behind the new curbing with loam. Then they will hydro-seed the area with grass seed, fertilizer and mulch.

We ask that you do not park on Clift Street from 6:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. You **will always** have access to your driveway. However, when the equipment is directly in front of your driveway, access may be restricted for a **few minutes**. Please drive with caution during the course of this work.

If you have any questions please call our Administrative Office at 860-448-4083. When crews are on site, please speak in person with the Paving Foremen, Dave Phillips and Jim Derusha, one will be on site. Thank you in advance for working with us during this resurfacing project.

Very truly yours,

Gary J. Schneider
Director of Public Works

Cc: Town Manager

GJS/bg